Grievances of villagers by intervention of Village Officers.

72. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to take necessary steps to alleviate the grievances of the poor villagers by the undue and unnecessary intervention of the Village Officers in matters connected with their lands?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The question is not clear. If any specific complaint against a Village Officer is pointed out, necessary action will be taken.

73. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has been brought to their attention that the ryots are put to great difficulties by the unnecessary inspection of survey stones by the Village Officers, especially in the rural parts of the State?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

The removal of silt from the field tanks for the improvement of the adjoining paddy fields.

74. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether a written order of sanction is required for removing the accumulated silt from the field tanks for the improvement of the adjoining lands of paddy cultivation? If so, who is the authority to give such sanction? What are the conditions that should be observed by the ryots for obtaining such sanction? Has the Government any objection to vest the power of giving sanction of the above and like items in the Village Panchayats?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Sanction is required for silt clearance of *poramboke* tanks by private parties. Usually, the Diwan Peishkar, after enquiry, accords sanction in such cases. The most important conditions are that the person repairing the tank will have no rights over it to the exclusion of others and that the tank will always remain *poramboke*. Panchayats are empowered to repair *poramboke* tanks. It is one of the functions vested in them under section 11 of the Panchayat Regulation. The Government do not consider it necessary to alter this arrangement.

Land Revenue from each taluk.

75. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount of Land Revenue income from each taluk;

(b) the area of each taluk?

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